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"(b) **Number of beds available, 14.**
Number of in-patients admitted during 1951–52, 142.

"(c) **There is no compound wall, but the hospital premises are kept clean.**

"(d) **Does not arise.**"

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" The Hon. Minister said that the amount spent on this dispensary was Rs. 225. Is it a fact, Sir, that for want of beds and even medicines in the hospital, so many patients had to return without treatment? If so, will the Government allot more funds for increasing the number of beds in the hospital as there is only one hospital for nearly three lakhs of people? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, it is the primary responsibility of the local bodies concerned to maintain hospitals under their control. The Malabar District Board has spent Rs. 9,402 and Rs. 10,688 during the years 1951–52 and 1952–53 respectively for the maintenance of the Local Fund Hospital at Taliparamba."

Selection of the personnel of the Parulekar Committee.

* 789 *Q.*—SRI A. GOVINDASAMY NAYAGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the basis of selection of the personnel of the Parulekar Committee; and

(b) why no prominent educationist from Tamilnad was included in the Committee?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) The personnel of the Parulekar Committee was selected on the basis of the high standing of the Members as Educationists.

" (b) It is not correct to say that no prominent educationist from Tamilnad was included in the Committee. Dr. B. B. Dey, who was a member of the Committee, was the Director of Public Instruction for a number of years in the Composite Madras State. Further, Sri S. Govindarajulu Naidu, the Member-Secretary of the Committee, belongs to Madras."

SRI A. GOVINDASAMY NAYAGAR :—" Half-a-day school என்று எழுதிய ஸ்ரீ பருலேகர் இந்தத் திட்டத்தை ஆதரிக்கவேண்டுமென்ற காரணத்திற்காக சேர்க்கப்பட்டாரா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir, as an educationist and as one who has done some work in the field of elementary education, his name was included." 8-50 a.m.

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Are the Government aware that the decision of the Congress Legislature Party arrived at yesterday to scrap the Modified Scheme of Elementary Education has been acclaimed by the public? "

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MR. SPEAKER :—" What has that to do with this question." (Laughter.)

SRI A. GOVINDASAMY NAYAGAR :—" இந்த பருலேகர் கமிட்டியில் தமிழர்கள் என் சேர்க்கப்படவில்லை என்று கேட்ட கேள்விக்கு ஸ்ரீ 'டே'-யும், ஸ்ரீ கோவிந்தராஜுலு நாயுடுவும் சேர்க்கப்பட்டிருப்பதாகச் சொன்னார்கள். நண்பர் ஸ்ரீ கோவிந்தராஜுலு நாயுடு ஆந்திர தேசத்தைச் சேர்ந்தவரா அல்லது தமிழ் நாட்டைச் சேர்ந்தவரா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" He belongs to Madras."

Improvement to the Dalenthriya tank in South Kanara.

* 790 *Q.*—SRI T. ANANTA PAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposals to improve the Dalenthriya tank in Udipi taluk, South Kanara?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The Government have dropped the scheme after careful examination."

Construction of Punnakkatavu-Ettikkulam road in Payyanur firka.

* 791 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state at what stage the construction of Punnakkatavu-Ettikkulam road in Ramanthali in Payyanur firka, North Malabar, stands now?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMY PADAYACHI :—" The formation of the road has been completed."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" The road is not yet completed, Sir."

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMY PADAYACHI :—" According to the report that I have with me, the road has been completed." (Laughter.)

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I submit that the road is not yet completed. The work was begun sometime ago but it was stopped in the middle. The formation of the road is still not completed."

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMY PADAYACHI :—" Perhaps the hon. Member means some culverts which only had not been completed."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" I am a Member representing that place in the Assembly and I know that the road is not yet completed."